

Local Agency WIC Director's Training



Webinar #1 - WIC Overview
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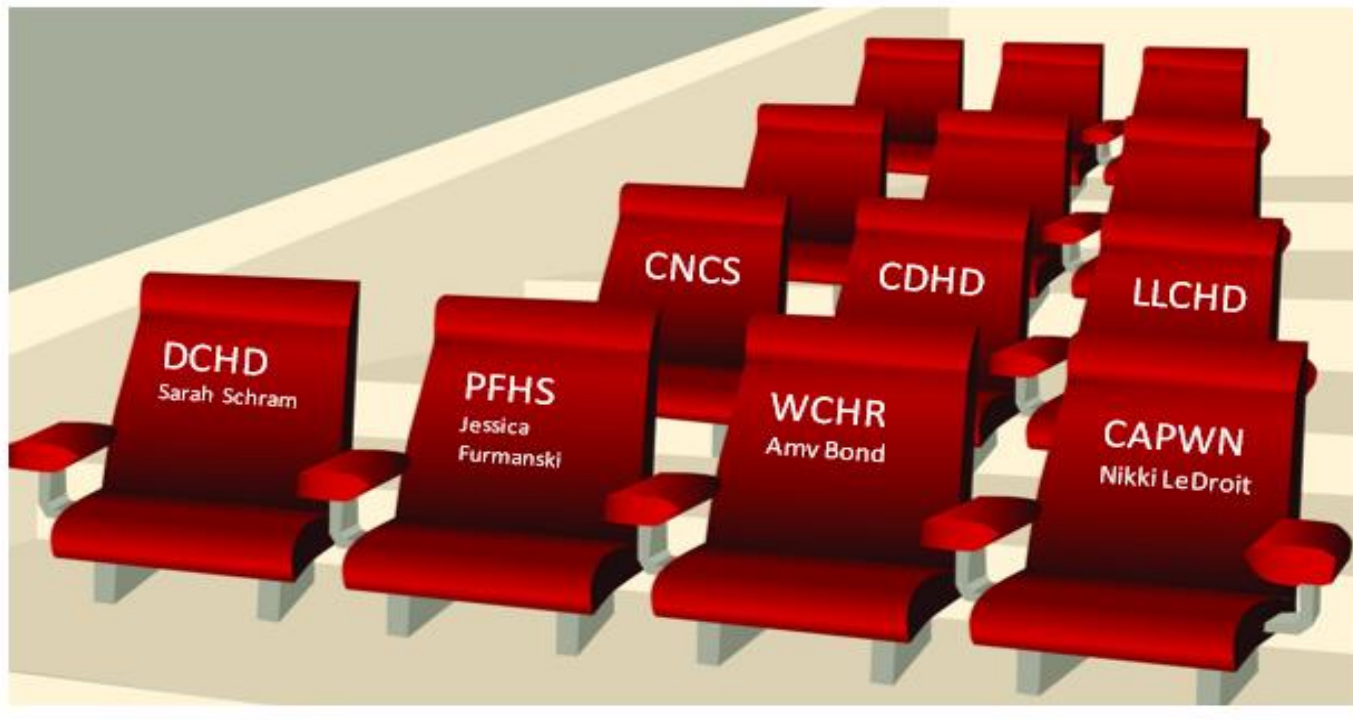
A little learning is a dangerous thing
but a lot of ignorance is just as bad.

...Bob Edwards



WIC Director Training - Overview

- Training for new Local Agency (LA) WIC Directors/Coordinators
- Seven of thirteen LA's have new WIC Directors/Coordinators



Local Agency WIC Director's Training

➤ Today's Agenda

- Overview of Federal, State and Local WIC Program
- Update on WIC MIS and EBT—National and Nebraska

WIC Acronyms

USDA

FMNP

NWA

DHHS

MIS

EBT

LA

SA

RO

NeWA

T&I

SNAP

QA

FNS

WIC At A Glance

- WIC Acronyms
 - USDA--United States Dept. of Agriculture
 - FNS--Food and Nutrition Service
 - FMNP—Farmers Market Nutrition Program
 - SNAP—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
 - RO—Regional Office
 - DHHS—Department of Health and Human Services (Nebraska)
 - SA—State Agency
 - LA—Local Agency
 - NWA—National WIC Association
 - NeWA—Nebraska WIC Association
 - MIS—Management Information System
 - EBT—Electronic Benefit Transfer
 - QA—Quality Assurance
 - T&I—Transfer and Implementation
-and more

WIC At A Glance

- Federal Grant Program—Not an entitlement
- Funded annually by Congress
- Administered by FNS at USDA
- 90 WIC State Agencies
 - 50 State Health Agencies
 - 34 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs)
 - District of Columbia
 - Five territories
- Approx. 47,000 authorized retailers
- 1,900 local agencies and 10,000 clinic sites
- National caseload 2015 February: 7,885,956
 - 2014 caseload average: 8,258,476
 - Approximate 5% decline

WIC's Mission

- To safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.

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➤ Other Programs



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➤ WIC Farmers Market Nutrition



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- > Grant and Program Data

Links

- > WIC Works Resource System
- > Senior FMNP
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WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)



The WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, popularly known as WIC. The WIC Program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding post-partum women, and to infants and children up to 5 years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.

The WIC FMNP was established by Congress in 1992, to provide fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables to WIC participants, and to expand the awareness, use of, and sales at farmers' markets. Women, infants (over 4 months old) and children that have been certified to receive WIC program benefits or who are on a waiting list for WIC certification are eligible to participate in the WIC FMNP. State agencies may serve some or all of these categories. A variety of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs may be purchased with FMNP coupons. State agencies can limit sales to specific foods grown within State borders to encourage FMNP recipients to support the farmers in their own States.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp/wic-farmers-market-nutrition-program-fmnp>

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➤ WIC Headquarters in Alexandria, VA



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Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

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WIC Celebrates its 40th year!

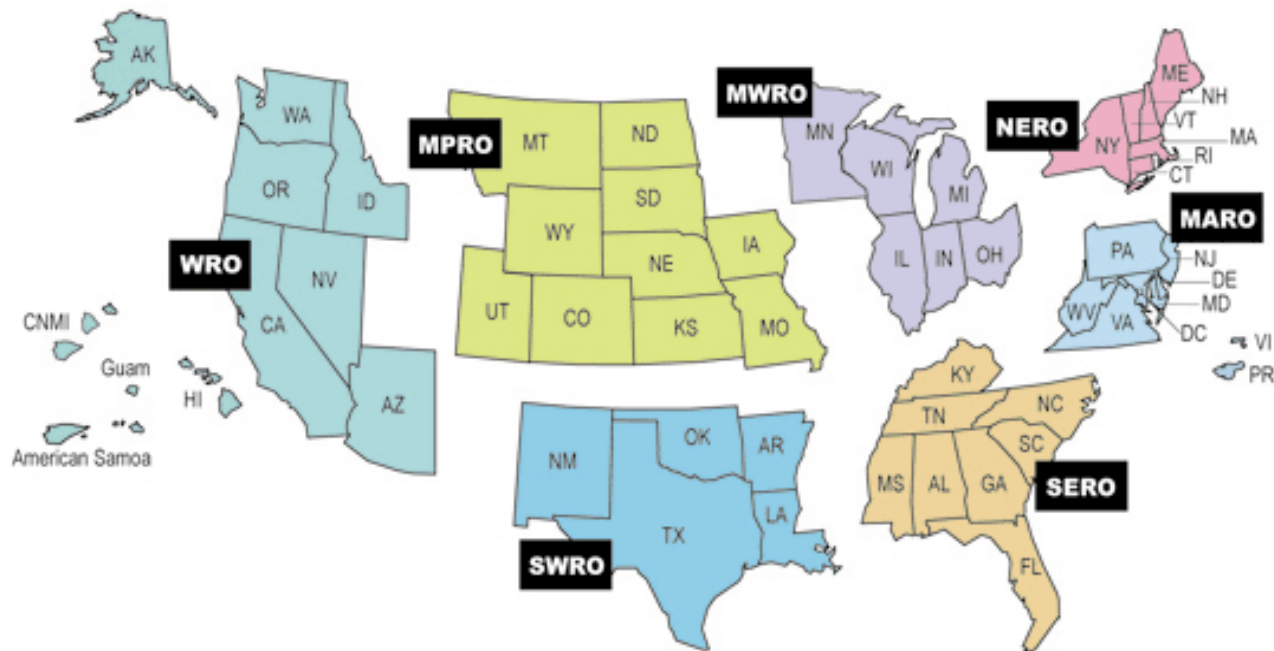
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FNS Regional Offices



USDA-FNS website overview



Since 1974
WIC

The Foundation of Healthy Families

WIC Celebrates its 40th year!

Learn more on how WIC has served as a foundation for healthy families since 1974.

50%
Over half of the infants in the US participate in WIC.

2 out of 3
WIC moms initiate breastfeeding.

loving support.

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<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic>

WIC Laws and Regulations

➤ **Legislation**

- WIC Legislative Requirements are contained in Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.
- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-laws-and-regulations>

➤ **Regulations**

- WIC Regulations are published by the Federal Register in the Code of Federal Regulations, 7 C.F.R. Part 246. The CFR is updated with files with an effective date as of January 1 each year.

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➤ USDA Resources

<http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/>



Women, Infants and Children (WIC)



Publications - Resources for WIC Clinics

Free Resources for WIC Clinics from the USDA/Food and Nutrition Service

All publications will be ordered through the WIC Works Resource System's online publication order form

<http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/publication-order-form>

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➤ USDA-FNS Priorities

- Reducing Infant Mortality

- Child Retention Rates

 - WIC is serving One Million fewer participants in 2015 vs 2014

 - 2015 funding provided through Special Project Grants to six State Agencies for this effort

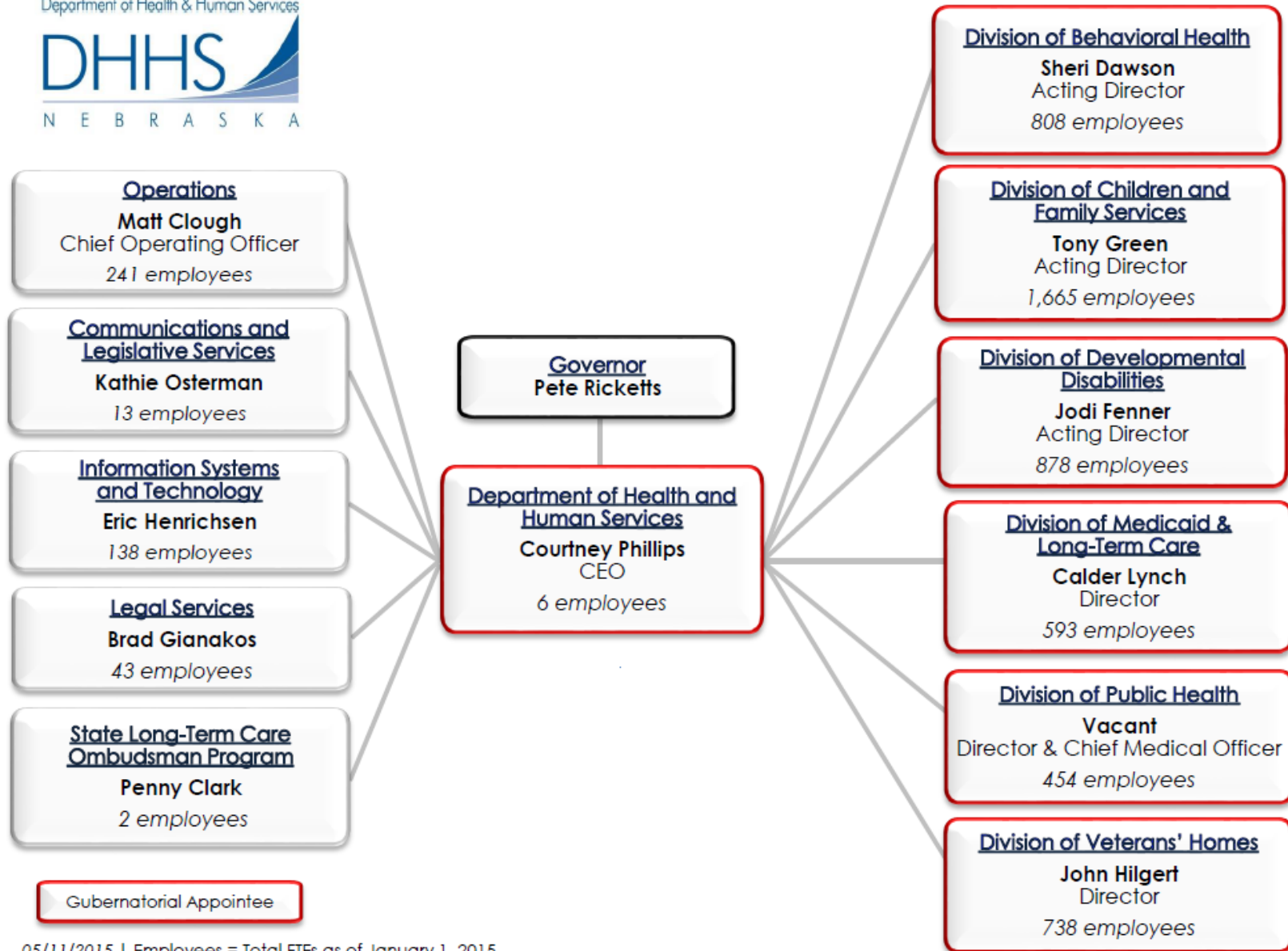
- Program Integrity

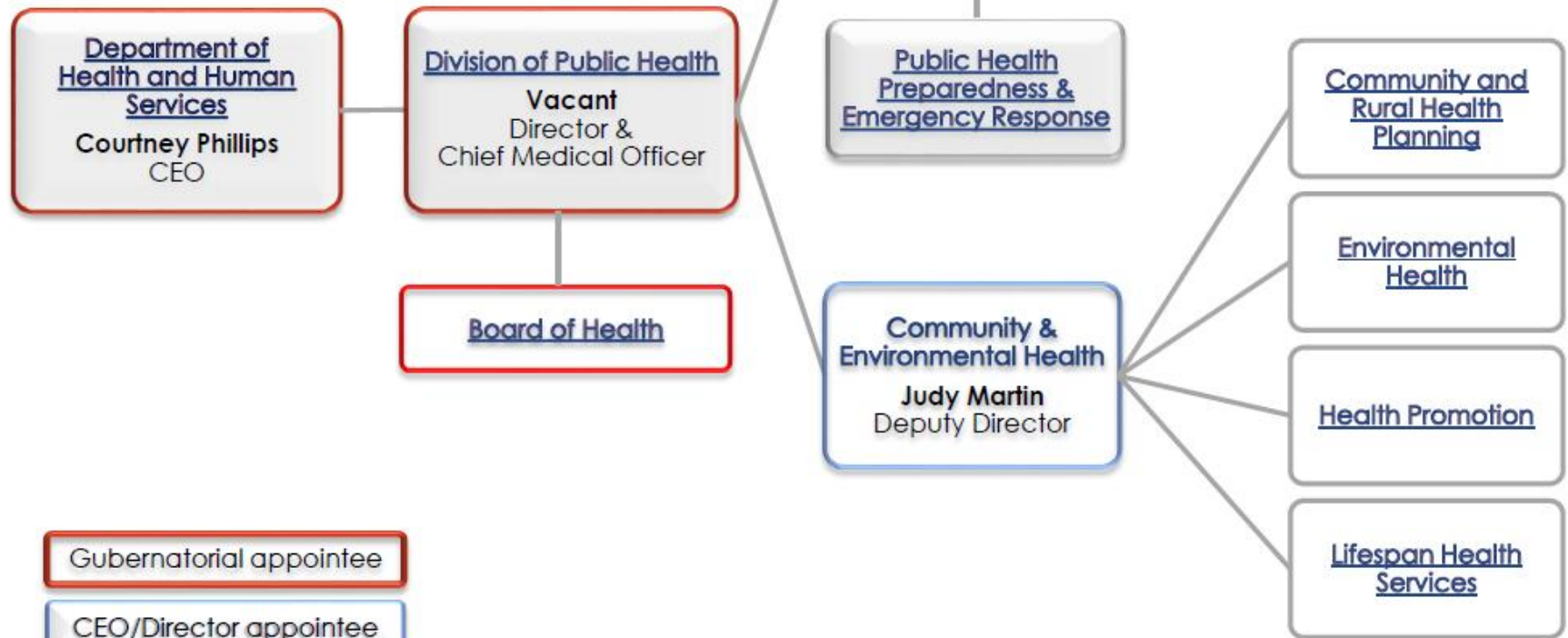
 - New Program Integrity Branch at FNS-WIC

 - Vendor Management and Certification

Nebraska WIC

- Administered by DHHS
- Division of Public Health,
Lifespan Health Services Unit





Gubernatorial appointee

CEO/Director appointee

**Community &
Environmental Health**

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Deputy Director

**Lifespan Health
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Maternal Child Health Epidemiology

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Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health

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Planning & Support

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Reproductive Health

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Women's Health Initiatives

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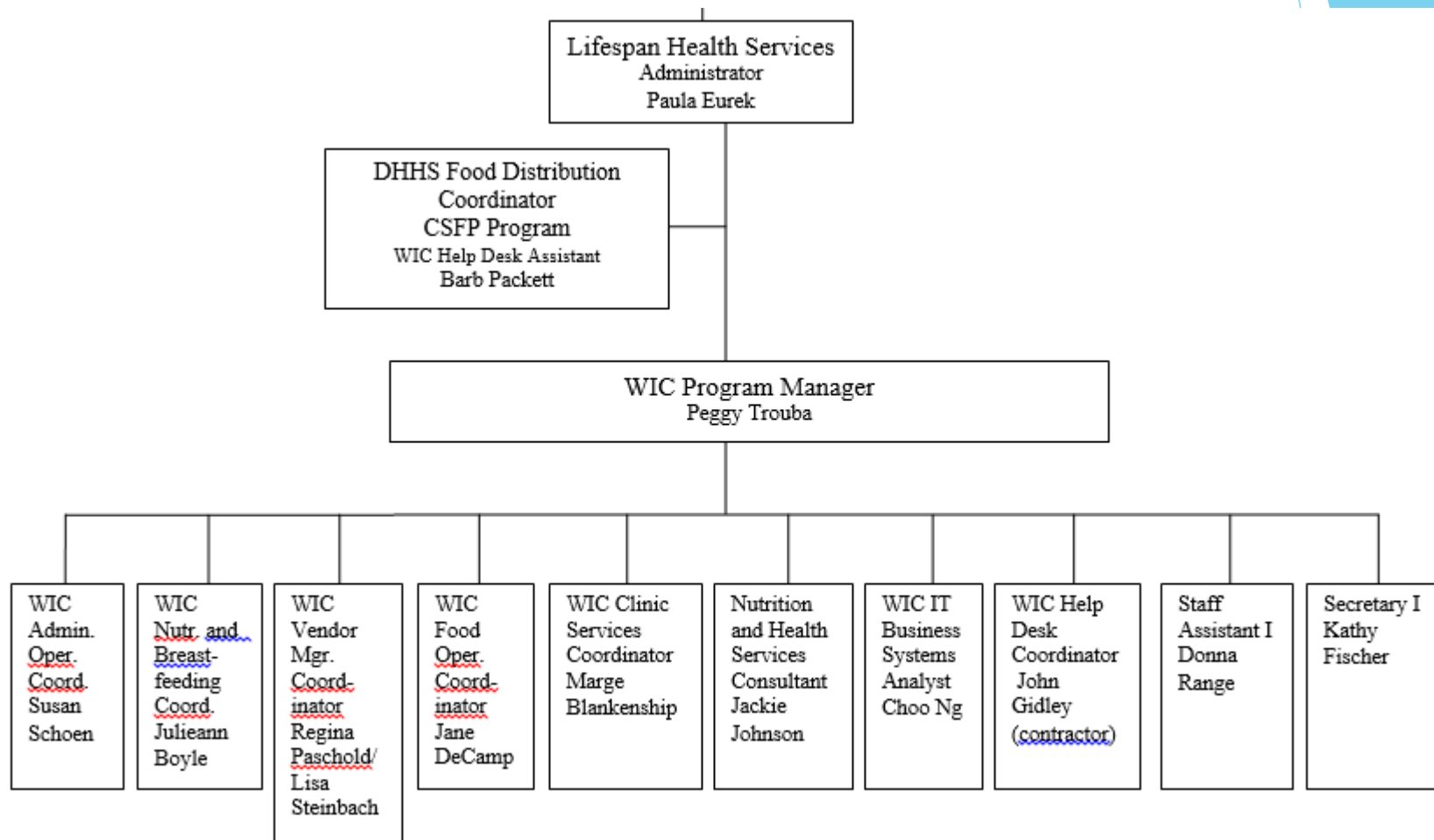
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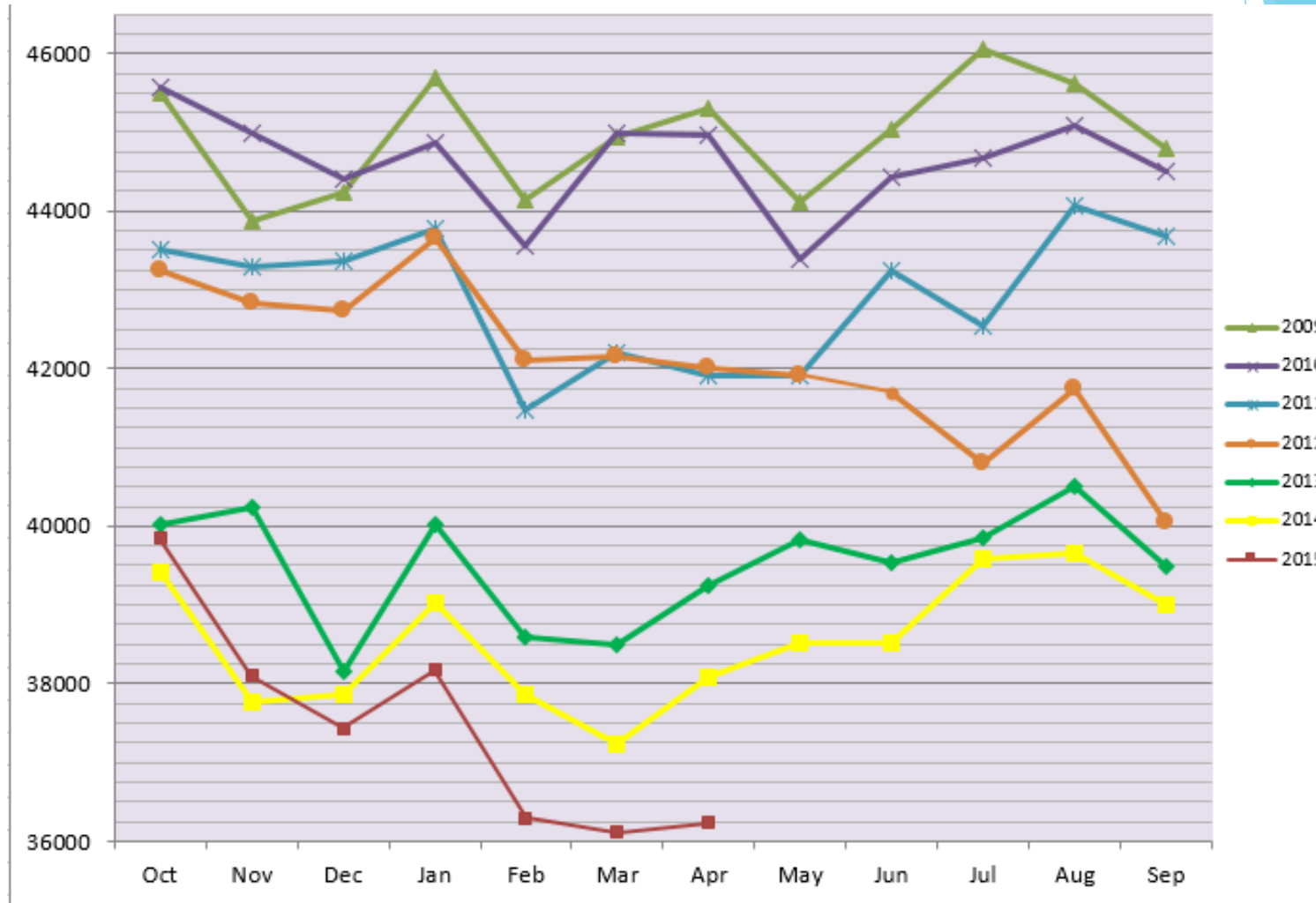
➤ State WIC Staff



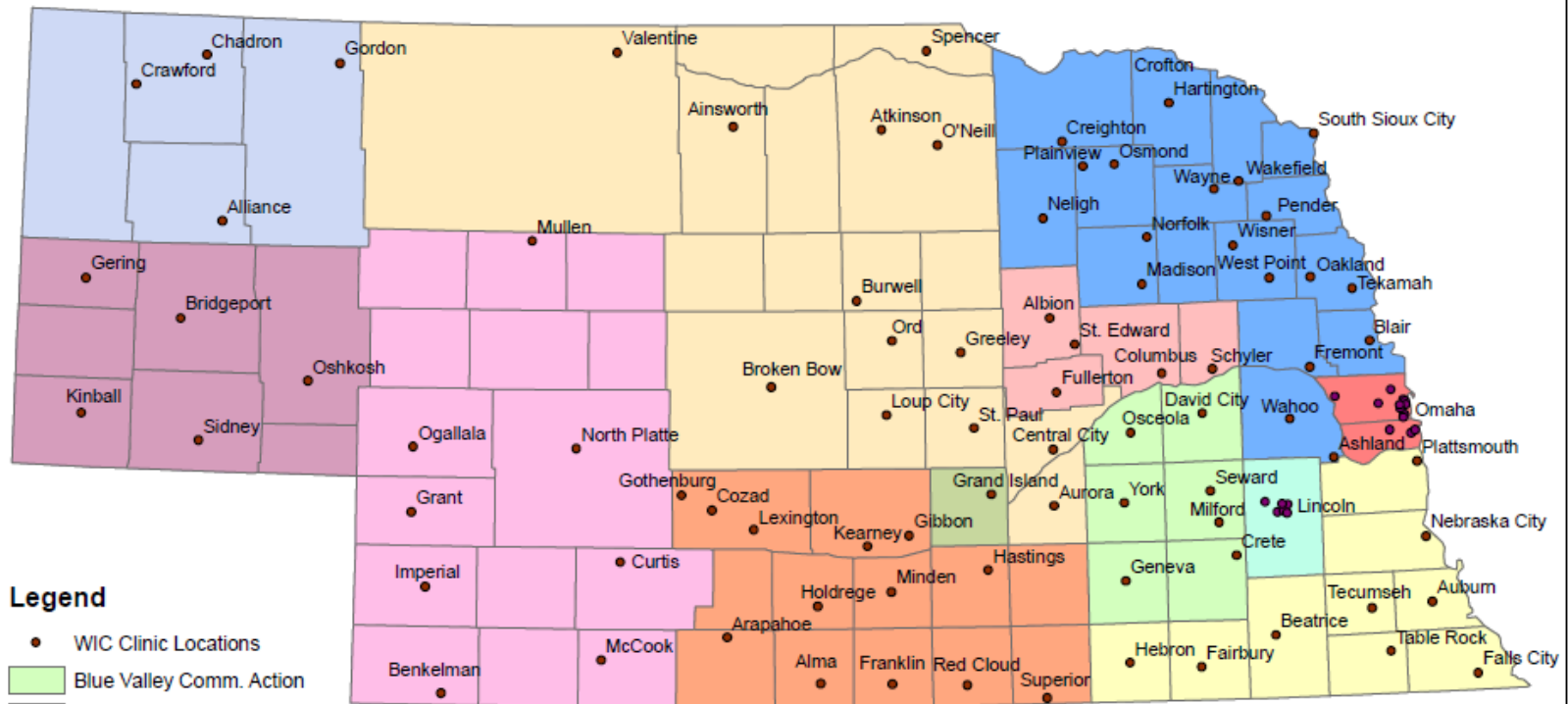
Nebraska WIC

- Thirteen local WIC agencies
- Approximately 100 local clinic sites
- 399 approved retailers
- Caseload average for 2015
February: 36,290
 - 2014 average YTD: 38,543
 - Approximate 6% decline

Nebraska Monthly WIC Participation 2009-2015



Nebraska WIC Clinics



Legend

- WIC Clinic Locations
- Blue Valley Comm. Action
- Family Health Services
- Lincoln Lancaster Co. Health/Family Service
- Douglas County Health Dept.
- East Central District Health Dept.
- Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership
- Central District Health Department
- Central Nebraska Community Service
- Comm. Action Partnership of Mid Nebr.
- Peoples Family Health Services
- Community Action Partnership of Western NE
- Western Comm. Health Resources

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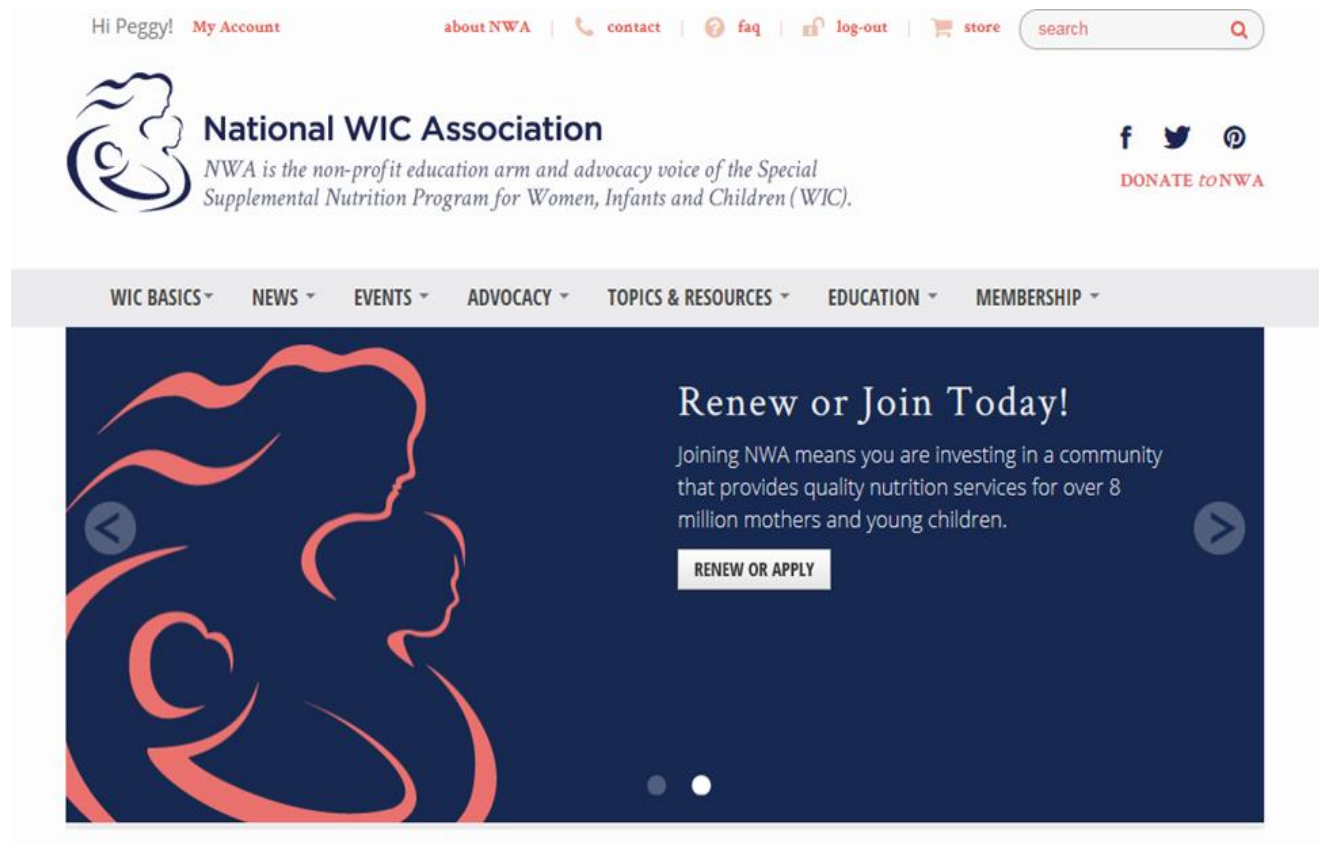
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 - Administration of program consistent with USDA regulations and guidance
 - Planning
 - Training
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Oversight and Accountability
 - Grants management/fiscal management

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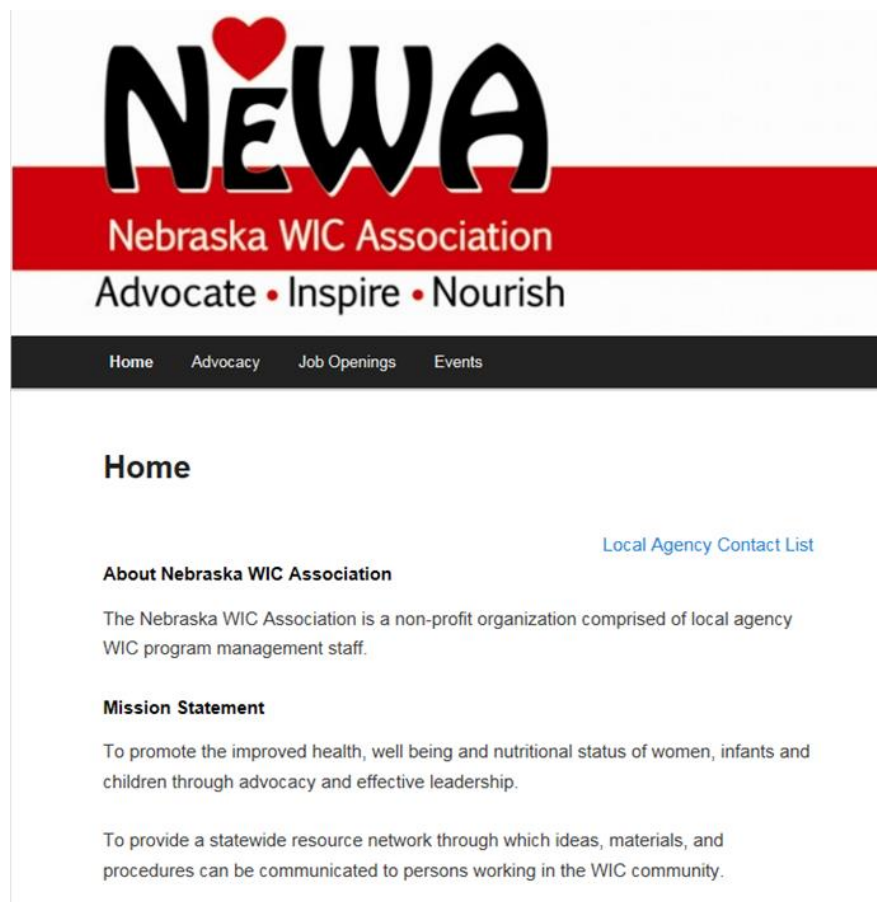
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National WIC Association (NWA)



<https://www.nwica.org/>

Nebraska WIC Association (NeWA)



Questions



Nebraska WIC Computer Systems

- Legacy System (G-link)
 - Implemented in 1997
 - No longer supports WIC functions
 - Will be replaced by a transfer of the Mountain Plains States Consortium SAM system
 - WIC Help Desk available for all computer system questions—G-link and Journey

Nebraska WIC Computer Systems

➤ MIS and EBT Contractors

- Internal DHHS MIS/EBT Project Coordinator: Vince Rea
- MIS/EBT Planning and MIS Project Management: Burger, Carroll and Associates; Doug Burger, Project Manager
- MIS Transfer and Implementation: Ciber, Inc.; Emily Roepsch, Project Manager
- MIS/EBT Quality Assurance: Maximus; Peter Relich, Project Manager
- EBT Host Contractor: TBD

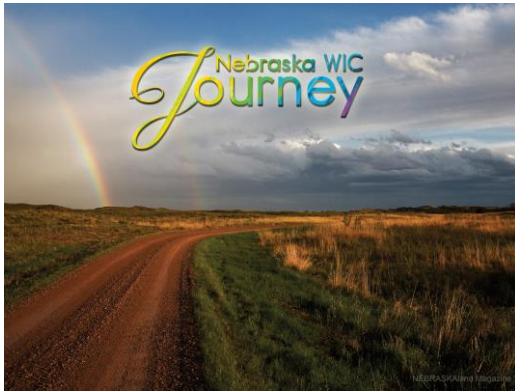
➤ Others

- Mountain Plains User Group (MPUG): MIS contracts for maintenance and support during pilot/rollout and ongoing
- Western States EBT Alliance (WSEA): procurement for EBT host contractor

Nebraska WIC Computer Systems

- Status of Journey—MIS Project
 - All Planning Documents completed
 - All contractors on Board
 - Transfer and Implementation started June 2014
 - To date, completed implementation planning documents, data conversion planning, user acceptance testing (UAT), pilot is in process at two local agencies
 - Rollout scheduled for August through November

Nebraska WIC Computer Systems



Highlights of Journey:

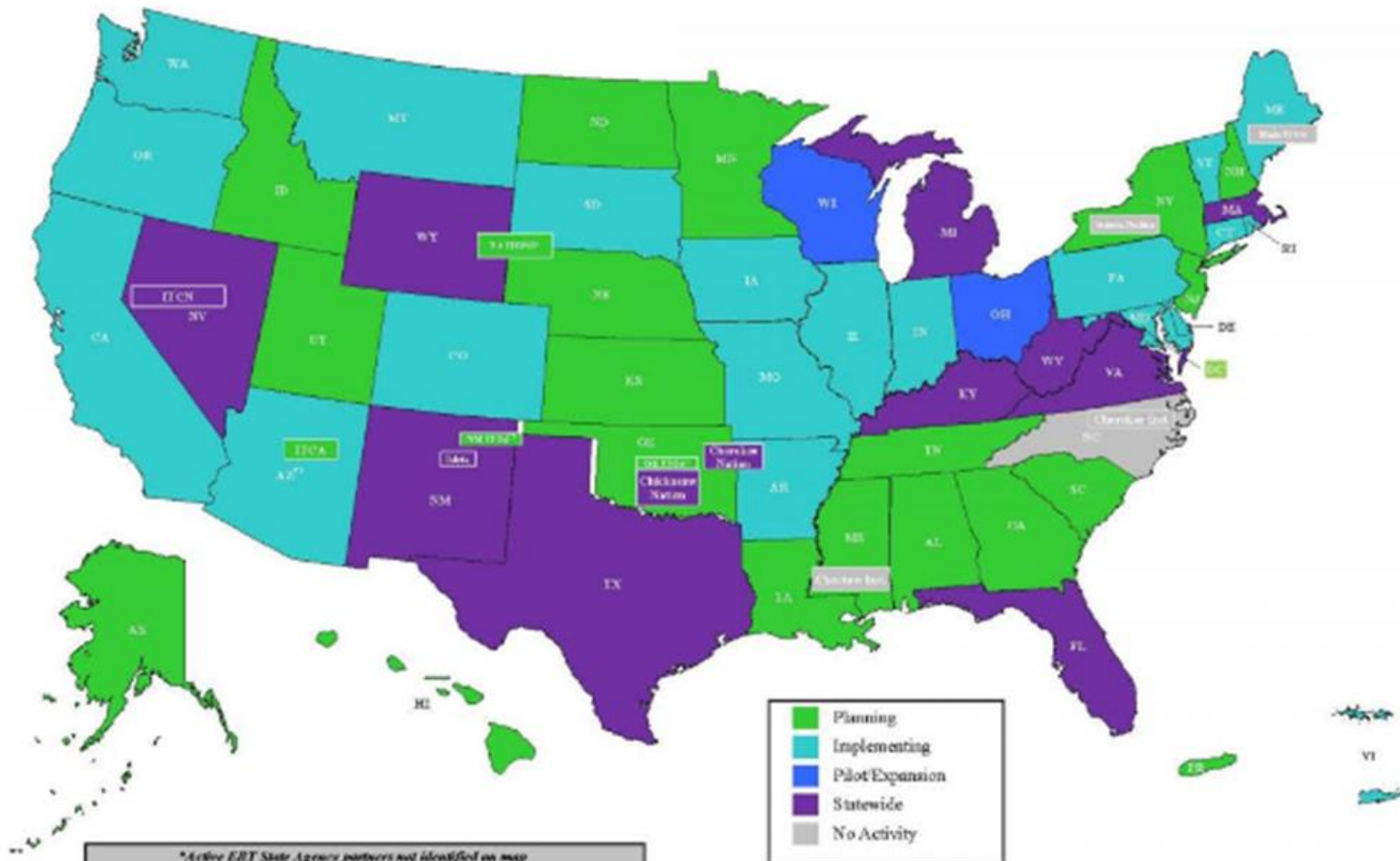
- All agencies and clinics directly connected via the web
- Essentially paperless
- State of the Art—fully functional
- In use by CO, UT, WY; in process in VT, NE, IA, ND, NV
- New hardware—laser printers, micr printers (checks), scanners, signature pads, desktops and laptops

Nebraska WIC Computer Systems

EBT Nationwide

- All WIC Programs must implement EBT by 2020, mandated by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010
- EBT is a method for delivering WIC benefits—using a plastic card instead of paper checks (SNAP uses an EBT card).

WIC EBT Activity - May 2015



**Active EBT State Agency partners not identified on map*

OK ITCA	WCD (lead), Muscogee Creek Nation, Otco-Missouri, Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Oklahoma, Oage Nation, Choctaw Nation
NM ITCA	5 Sandoval (lead), ACL, Zuni, 8 Northern, (Santo Domingo and San Felipe are direct distribution with no EBT activity)
Arizona (lead)	American Sonora, Maricopa Indians, Gila, Navajo Nation
MS ITCA	ITCA (lead), KS, NE
NATIONS	Eastern Shoshone, Northern Arapaho - WY, Ute Mountain - CO, Wapiti, Crow, Santee Sioux - NE, Cheyenne River, Rosebud - SD, Standing Rock, Three Affiliated Tribes - ND
Maine ITCA	Indian Township and Pleasant Point will begin Planning with the secretary of the State of Maine in 2015

Nebraska WIC Computer Systems

➤ Status of Nebraska EBT Project

- All Planning Documents completed
- Waiting for USDA approval on the Implementation Advance Planning (IAPD) Document
- Once IAPD approved, NE will apply for implementation funding
- NE working on procurement for on-line EBT Host contractor with NE SNAP and WSEA
- EBT implementation timeline: January 2016-August 2018

Questions



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➤ Next Webinars

➤ Webinar #2: July 16, 10-12:00 CDT

- Fiscal and Grants Management and Follow-up Questions from Webinar One

➤ Webinar #3--July 20, 10-12 CDT

- WIC Operations and Follow-up Questions from Webinar Two

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